

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 stand allowed. Claims 13-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection. However, Claims 13-24 are being cancelled in order to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to submit the cancelled claims in this or a continuing application.

Entry of the above amendments and issuance of the application are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims that will be pending after entry of this Amendment, namely Claims 1-12, are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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